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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 8% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 15 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 8.0 percent in July, compared with the same month last year, and was up 7.4 percent for the first seven months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic airline passenger traffic in July increased by 12.3 percent. There was a gain in available seat miles of 12.2 percent. The load factor remained virtually the same at 64.8 percent, compared with 64.7 percent in July of last year.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers in July declined 6.3 percent. Available seat miles rose by 2.0 percent. The load factor was 63.8 percent, down from 69.5 percent in the same month last year.

Domestic airline passenger traffic for the first seven months was up 10.2 percent. Available seat miles registered a gain of 13.0 percent. The load factor was 61.6 percent, compared with 63.2 percent for the same period a year earlier.

The international passenger traffic of U.S. air carriers during the first seven months was down 3.9 percent. The available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. The load factor was 57.0 percent, down from 66.0 percent during the first seven months of last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

JULY 1986 - 1985

		JULY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	25,747,523	39,750,641	64.8	156,878,494	254,650,607	61.6
	85	22,923,664	35,414,824	64.7	142,305,043	225,331,978	63.2
PERCENT CHANGE		12.3	12.2		10.2	13.0	
INTERNATIONAL	86	6,559,052	10,278,654	63.8	34,044,035	59,687,978	57.0
	85	7,001,187	10,076,905	69.5	35,438,810	53,706,512	66.0
PERCENT CHANGE		(6.3)	2.0		(3.9)	11.1	
TOTAL	86	32,306,575	50,029,295	64.6	190,922,529	314,338,585	60.7
	85	29,924,851	45,491,729	65.8	177,743,853	279,038,490	63.7
PERCENT CHANGE		8.0	10.0		7.4	12.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA.